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WILL BREAK UP CONFERENCE

Chiefs of the Balkan Peace Delegation Decide to Take This Course

Commanders of Armed Forces in the Field to be Instructed to Termi- nate Armistice

London, Jan. 13.—Sir Edward Grey the British foreign secretary, and the ambassadors of the powers are making valiant efforts to bring about a settlement between Turkey and the Balkan allies in the direction of the peace. They have had additional interviews with Dr. Daneff and Rachad Pasha, the heads of the Bulgarian and Turkish delegations respectively, advising moderation on both sides and warning them that either party, if through obstinacy it should plunge Europe into war again would incur a heavy weight of disapproval.

The meeting of the ambassadors today was the lengthiest yet held. They discussed the note to be presented to the Porte, passage by passage, aiming to meet every possible argument likely to be raised by the Turks.

The general impression among the plenipotentiaries is that the definite decision on war or peace must come from Constantinople. Whatever concessions and compromises the Balkan league may make, the allies will never consent to the renunciation of Adrianople, which the Turks make the sine qua non of peace.

Much is hoped for here from Kiamil Pasha, the grand vizier, a man of great ability and extraordinary influence. He is perhaps the most powerful among the Ottoman statesmen. He has succeeded in restoring the good relations between Turkey and the Triple Entente, and thus far has been able to prevent the powers from taking an active anti-Turkish attitude.

TRANSPORTATION COM. AND TOURIST ASSOCI- ATION REPORTS

The following very interesting reports from the Railway and Transportation Committee and the Tourist Association were presented at last night's annual meeting of the Board of Trade by Messrs G. Y. Dibblee and J. W. McCready respectively. Both reports showed that much had been accomplished. They were as follows:

To the President and Members of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

Gentlemen:—Your Railway and Transportation Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The large amount of railroad construction being carried on in this vicinity has served to upset transportation affairs generally and we can hardly expect matters to be definitely straightened out until the works in progress and those projected are completed. In the meantime, however it remains for the Board to take such measures as will ensure adequate facilities in this City to handle the large amount of freight and passenger traffic that must of necessity arise. The facilities that will be established here during the next year or two will have to meet the requirements of the future and it is most essential that accommodation will be provided here, that will be a credit to both the City of Fredericton and the Railway Companies. The Board in the opinion of your Committee should impress upon the railway companies immediately the desirability of providing such facilities as will meet the demands of the large traffic.

UNION STATION

Perhaps what Fredericton will need more than anything else on the completion of her railway development will be a Union Station. With the Canadian Pacific, the Intercolonial, the Grand Trunk, the St. John Valley and the Fredericton and Grand Lake railways coming into the city.

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Sunshine and Optimism are Needed, Says Pres. Jennings

Able and Illuminating Address by the President of the Board of Trade--Reviews the Work of That Body During the Year 1912--Tells of the Old Home Week Celebration and Visit of British Manufacturers--Good Work by the Publicity Com- mittee--Some Excellent Suggestions Thrown Out

The address of Pres. J. T. Jennings of the Board of Trade, delivered at the annual meeting of that body last night, was as follows:

To the members of the Fredericton Board of Trade:

Gentlemen:—I have much pleasure in presenting to you the annual report of our Board for the year which has just closed and which I feel has been a very satisfactory and prosperous one as we start the year 1913 with a paid membership of over 100.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Our second Board of Trade dinner was held in the month of February, and was a very great success, being attended by some 135 of our business men. The great success which has attended the holding of these dinners leads me to ask you at this meeting to appoint the necessary committees so that timely and satisfactory arrangements can be made for the holding of our annual dinner early in the year.

PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

Previous to the date of our dinner last year the officers of your Board made an appeal to a number of our citizens for \$25.00 subscriptions to assist our publicity fund with the result that some \$775.00 was subscribed and paid in to our committee. A committee from our Board then waited upon our City Council and asked that body for a grant of \$2,000.00 to supplement the volunteer subscriptions in order that we might employ permanently a publicity agent. The Council very generously made this grant and a Publicity Committee was immediately formed, composed of five members of the Board of Trade and five members from the City Council. This committee appointed Mr. George McDade Publicity Agent for the city. Mr. McDade has given his entire time to this work and has been an energetic and faithful official. During the first couple of months after his appointment his time was largely taken up with the business of Old Home Week. During this period Mr. McDade sent

but a large amount of advertising matter, covering Canada and the New England States and this work alone was productive of very much good in advertising our city. The committee are issuing some 6,000 booklets descriptive of our city and surrounding country. This booklet is being distributed throughout Great Britain and Canada. The Publicity Commissioner has kept himself closely in touch with the manufacturing industries of Canada and is constantly placing before them the advantages offered by our city as well as calling attention to the natural resources of this section. The Publicity Commissioner has received many enquiries as a result of our publicity from parties seeking information about Fredericton and the St. John Valley as a place for location and in every case has promptly furnished very complete and necessary data. As a result of his individual letter writing he has received many communications from manufacturing enterprises.

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Board of Trade Dinner To be Held at Early Date

Committee Appointed to Make Arrangements--Board Opposed to Section of Petition Presented by N. B. Telephone Com- pany to Public Utilities Commission--J. T. Jennings Re-elected President for Third Term--Board Begins Another Year With Bright Prospects

The Board of Trade annual meeting held last night was largely attended and the board begins another year with enthusiasm and the prospect of success. Mr. John T. Jennings was re-elected president for a third term although desirous of retiring. Messrs J. D. Palmer and W. G. Clark who were suggested as candidates for the office both declined nomination. The other officers were also re-elected with exception of Mr. Tennant who retired from the treasurer's office after filling the office for fourteen years. Mr. J. M. Lemont is the new treasurer.

Pres. Jennings read a very fine address and reports were also received from Publicity Commissioner McDade, the Railway and Transportation Committee, and the Tourist Association. The address and reports will be found in full elsewhere in this paper.

The board decided to hold its annual dinner at an early date and appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. A special committee was also appointed to consider the petition of the New Brunswick Telephone Company to the Public Utilities Commission which is to come before that body tomorrow. That committee reported to the board last night and on its recommendation a communication is to be forwarded to the commission stating that the Fredericton Board of Trade strongly opposes the section under which it is asked that further change in classification and rates may be made by the N. B. Telephone Company with out public notice being given.

In connection with the annual dinner Premier Borden and Mr. C. C. James former Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Ontario were suggested as possible speakers on that occasion.

During the meeting several members made very complimentary reference to the work carried on by Mr. G. M. McDade the Publicity Commissioner.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present were J. T. Jennings, H. S. Campbell, A. O. M.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President—J. T. Jennings
Vice-President—A. R. Slipp, M.P.P.
Secretary—H. S. Campbell
Treasurer—James Lemont
Executive—W. S. Hooper, G. W. Hodge, J. D. Palmer, C. F. Chestnut, F. B. Edgecombe, G. Y. Dibblee, J. W. McCready, J. S. Neill, W. E. Farrell, W. G. Clark, W. A. B. McLellan, H. O'Neill, Archibald Fraser, J. J. Weddall, W. J. Osborne.
Transportation Committee—C. F. Chestnut, F. B. Edgecombe, G. Y. Dibblee, J. T. Jennings, J. D. Palmer, R. F. Randolph.
Tourist Committee—J. W. McCready, A. A. Shute, F. B. Edgecombe, W. T. Chestnut, W. S. Hooper.

Lawson, James Lemont, W. G. Clark, C. K. Howard, Howard Rogers, Hugh O'Neill, T. S. Wilkinson, W. A. Searle, W. S. Hooper, J. Stewart, Neill, J. W. McCready, G. Y. Dibblee, M. Tennant, C. C. Jones, J. D. Palmer, G. M. McDade, J. J. Weddall, A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., W. J. Osborne, L. H. Bliss, A. A. Shute, W. E. Farrell, T. C. Doherty, R. G. Lee, S. B. Ebbett, R. W. McLellan, W. W. Hubbard, Moses Mitchell, J. Walter McKay.

Speaking to the report of the Transportation Committee Mr. J. W. McCready drew attention to the fact that discrimination against Fredericton in regard to passenger rates west of Montreal still existed although frequently complained in the past. He had secured some data on the matter and was of the opinion that a strong case could be made out before the Railway Commission.

Mr. Dibblee stated that unintentionally the matter mentioned by Mr. McCready had been omitted from the report of the Transportation Committee. He himself had cur-

responded with Mr. C. H. Allen of Winnipeg concerning the matter.

Mr. G. M. McDade, Publicity Commissioner, presented his annual report which on motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. M. Tennant, treasurer, reported that the receipts for the year had been \$353.53 of which a balance of \$109.43 was on hand.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Reporting for a special committee on postal improvements Mr. G. W. Hodge reported that a conference with Postmaster L. H. Bliss had been held at which matters complained of had been discussed. The great trouble at the post office was lack of room and a new post office building could not come too soon. The postmaster had stated that some of the departments were very overcrowded particularly the Savings Bank, Money Order and Registration Departments. It would be practically impossible to increase the staff of the post office on account of lack of room. One additional clerk might be employed but certainly no more. Mr. Bliss had stated further that though the post office staff was supposed to work eight hours per day its members were really working ten and twelve hours. During the nine months the present postmaster had been in office the receipts of the local post office had increased about \$29,000. Much of that of course was due to railroad construction but nevertheless it was true that the postal business of the city was increasing rapidly.

Mr. Hodge reported further that Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., had taken up the matter of free delivery of mail matter with the Post Office Department. The result had been that it was practically assured that free delivery would be a fact.

Mr. J. T. Jennings, retiring president, then read his address which on motion was laid on the table to be taken up section by section.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was taken (Continued on page 5)

THE UNITED STATES MAY ADMIT LUMBER FREE

Democrats Will Recommend Many Im- portant Changes in the Tariff--Rough Lumber. Shingles and Laths May be Admitted Free of Duty--American Lumbermen Tell Ways and Means Com- mittee That Canadian Competition Has Been Disastrous to Them

Washington, Jan. 13.—Free rough and dressed lumber, hewn and squared timber, shingles, laths and fence posts, the retention of approximately the present high tariff on the higher grades of silks, and reductions in the cheaper silks used by the common people and penalizing, drastic tariff bar to shut out "dynamited" silk, were indicated today as parts of the expected Democratic revision plan.

The house committee on ways and means devoted the day to hearings on the wood and silk schedules of the tariff law, and when the testimony and examinations were concluded favored the inclusion of these provisions, possibly together with free meats, in the tentative tariff plan, the committee will frame to submit to the extra session of congress.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The keen competition of Canadian lumbermen was pointed out this morning before the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. George W. Jones, of the North Carolina Pine Association, spoke dolefully but none the less emphatically, of the manner in which Nova Scotia lumbermen

had entered the trade. The reduction of the tariff from \$2 to \$1.25 per thousand feet on saw boards had brought increased competition from Canada. No less than 80 per cent. of the American sawmill men, Mr. Jones contended, had failed. If, however, the Democratic party, in order to carry out its promises, found it necessary to make a vicarious sacrifice of sawmill men, he was not unwilling that it should be done, provided that there was a reduction in duty on the various implements used in sawmills.

Under some sharp examination, Mr. Jones admitted that in eastern Canada wages were as high as in the United States. He had heard, however, that in the Canadian northwest Chinese labor was employed.

"Is it not a fact," Mr. Harrison interposed, "that the more primitive labor in the Canadian northwest is paid \$3 a day?" and Mr. Hill (Connecticut) pressed home this point that the reciprocity debate had shown wages in the Rocky Mountains to be higher than they were in the United States.

PUBLICITY AGENT McDADE SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade held last night Publicity Commissioner Mr. G. M. McDade, presented the following report and financial statement of publicity work and the Old Home Week:

To the President and Members of the Fredericton Board of Trade: Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the first report of your Publicity Committee.

The first undertaking of your committee was an Old Home Week Celebration, which was held in Fredericton from August 5th to 10th. With the very valuable co-operation of our citizens your committee was enabled to carry the demonstration to a successful issue. The City Council very kindly made a special grant of \$500.00 towards the expenses of the Old Home Week. Although considerable disagreeable weather was encountered during the celebration all the advertised attractions took place. Your committee is of the opinion that the celebration served to advertise our city in very desirable quarters and in that way feel well remunerated for the amount of time and labor spent in the preparations. The celebration was also a success financially and attached may be found a statement of receipts and expenditures.

BOOKLET.

Following the Old Home Week Celebration your committee met and decided on the publication of a booklet on the resources and advantages of Fredericton. Arrangements have been made for the widest circulation possible of the 6,000 copies among capitalists, manufacturers and others in Canada, the United States and the Old Country and your committee looks forward to practical results from its distribution in the near future.

Your committee, through its secretary, made arrangements with Mr. A. B. Wilnot, Dominion Immigration Agent for New Brunswick, to have his department print and circulate 10,000 copies of a booklet on the advantages of Fredericton. Your secretary supplied the material for this booklet.

MOVING PICTURES OF IN- DUSTRIES.

In August your committee had the

good fortune to have motion pictures taken of our local industries. This was done without entailing any expense on your committee and we are informed that Fredericton is the only city or town in the province where industries in operation were taken for the cinematograph moving picture machines. The pictures of our industries in operation along with other scenes in the province are being shown by our provincial government in the manufacturing and rural districts of the Old Country.

PRESS WORK

Your Committee was enabled to secure some very desirable publicity in the Financial Post of Canada, Financial News of London, Canada Mail of London, Canadian News of London, The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, the Christian Science Monitor of Boston, The Maritime Merchant of Halifax, The Busy Man's Magazine of Toronto, The Realty Review of Toronto, The Shoe & Leather Reporter of Toronto, The Maple Leaf of California, The Turners Falls Reporter, The Busy East of Canada, The Contract Record of Toronto, The Municipal Journal of Montreal, The Monetary Times of Toronto, Canada and other publications.

Articles dealing with the advancement of Fredericton in 1912 were prepared and forwarded to the Daily Telegraph of St. John, The Standard of St. John, The Montreal Star, The Montreal Herald, The Montreal Witness, The Busy East, The Ottawa Citizen, The Ottawa Journal, The Toronto Globe, The Toronto News, The Toronto World, The Financial Post, The Busy Man's Canada, The Aberdeen Free Press, The Belfast Evening Telegraph, The Westminster Gazette, The Scotsman of Edinburgh, The Western Mail, Tit Bits of London, Irish Post, The Eastern Daily Press, The North Wales Times, The Daily Chronicle of London, The Financial News of London, The Sheffield Independent and The Standard of Empire.

Articles dealing with the establishment of the Experimental Farm at Fredericton and the prospects for agricultural and horticultural development in the St. John Valley were prepared and forwarded to the Maritime Farmer, St. John, St. John Standard, Montreal Star, Montreal Witness, Montreal Gazette, Financial

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